

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**MICHAEL WILLIAM STACY**

**PLAINTIFF**

**v.**

**No. 1:05CV46-M-A**

**ALCORN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, ET AL.**

**DEFENDANTS**

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

On April 26, 2005, plaintiff Michael William Stacy appeared before the undersigned for a hearing pursuant to *Spears v. McCotter*, 766 F.2d 179 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1985), to determine whether there exists a justiciable basis for his claim filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. A plaintiff's claim shall be dismissed if "it lacks an arguable basis in law or fact, such as when a prisoner alleges the violation of a legal interest that does not exist." *Martin v. Scott*, 156 F.3d 578 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1998)(citations omitted). For the purposes of the Prison Litigation Reform Act, the court notes that the plaintiff was incarcerated when he filed this lawsuit.<sup>1</sup>

The plaintiff was no longer incarcerated at the time of the *Spears* hearing, and he did not attend. For this reason, the instant case should be dismissed for failure to prosecute under FED. R. CIV. P. 41(b).

**Handling of Objections, Acknowledgment of Receipt**

The court refers the parties to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b) for the appropriate procedure in the event any party desires to file objections to these findings and recommendations. Objections are required to be in writing and must be filed within ten (10) days of this date, and "a party's failure to file written objections to the findings, conclusions, and recommendation in a magistrate judge's report and recommendation within 10 days after being

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<sup>1</sup>28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

served with a copy shall bar that party, except on grounds of plain error, from attacking on appeal the unobjected-to proposed factual findings and legal conclusions accepted by the district court . . .” *Douglass v. United Services Automobile Ass’n*, 79 F.3d 1415, 1428-29 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1996) (*en banc*)(citations omitted); *see also United States v. Carrillo-Morales*, 27 F.3d 1054, 1061-62 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1994), *cert. denied*, 513 U.S. 1178, 115 S.Ct. 1163, 130 L. Ed. 1119 (1995).

The plaintiff is directed to acknowledge receipt of this report and recommendation by signing the enclosed acknowledgment form and returning it to the clerk of the court within ten (10) days of this date. The plaintiff is warned that failure to comply with the requirements of this paragraph may lead to dismissal of this lawsuit under Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b) for failure to prosecute the claim and for failure to comply with an order of the court.

Respectfully submitted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.

/s/ S. Allan Alexander  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE